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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA: RESPONSE TO FRAZER SUBCOMMITTEE

REF: A. STATE 178564, B. STATE 153803, AND C. MANAGUA 3490

1. EMBASSY'S LAST SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO OCCURRED MAY 31 AS REPORTED IN MANAGUA 2587. HE WAS INVITED TO POLOFF'S HOUSE FOR LUNCH AND FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN AN IN DEPTH CONVERSATION CONCERNING HIS CONTEMPORATED TESTIMONY AT FRASER HEARINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION LEFT WITH FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE, EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH CHAMORRO ARE EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND OPEN. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF REGIME'S SENSITIVITY ABOUT CHAMORRO, WE PREFER NOT TO HAVE THIS BRUIED ABOUT IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, ETC.

2. REGARDING CARDENAL'S LIST OF ALLEGED MURDERS ON PAGE 6 OF TESTIMONY, WE HAVE RECEIVED SECOND OR THIRD-HAND REPORTS OF GN OVERREACTION INCLUDING EXECUTIONS IN SEVERAL AREAS IN THE PAST YEAR IN THESE AREAS. THE KUSKAWAS AREA IN PARTICULAR, WHICH HAS BEEN AN FSLN STRONGHOLD, HAS BEEN REPORTED BY MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION AND PRIESTS TO HAVE BEEN HARD-HIT BY GN IN JULY-AUGUST LAST YEAR FOLLOWING AMBUSH OF GN PATROL BY FSLN AND KILLING OF SEVERAL TROOPS. WE ARE NOT FULLY SATISFIED, HOWEVER, WITH THE INTELLIGENCE ABOUT THESE INCIDENTS

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WHICH HAS COME OUR WAY THUS FAR.

3. THE REFERENCE AT BOTTOM OF P. 6 CONCERNS THE SIUNA-RIO IYAS AREA OF ZELAYA WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY AMERICAN CAPUCHINS, AND HAS BEEN REPORTED TO DEPT. THE REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED AND THEIR SOURCES GIVE CAUSE FOR SERIOUS DISQUIET. OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN REGISTERED CLEARLY AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GON AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION VERY CAREFULLY.

4. REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF P. 10, OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT LOMAS DE PANECILLA (A DISTRICT IN LEON) TOOK PLACE AFTER PARTICIPANT IN LOS ROBLES ATTACK WHO HAD RETURNED FROM CUBA WAS APPREHENDED THERE THREE MONTHS AGO. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY THOSE FEW ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN CONTACTS WITH FSLN ACTIVISTS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT PERIOD. LOS ARCOS INCIDENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GN OPERATIONS AGAINST FSLN, BUT INVOLVES RESOLUTION OF INDIAN COMMUNITY TRADITIONAL OR MYTHICAL CLAIMS AGAINST LARGE ESTATE. INDIANS ARE ARRESTED PERIODICALLY FOR TRESPASSING AND THEN LET FREE.

5. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH GENERAL GENIE OF OSN STATUS OF THOSE LSTED IN TESTIMONY AS DETAINED BY GN AT KUSKAWAS, BUT NOT HEART FROM SINCE, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE IN NEARLY A MONTH. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS AND OTHER CHARGES THROUGH GENERAL PEREZ VEGA CHANNEL (REFTEL C.). BULK OF NAMES ON P. 11 ARE ALL ACCOUNTED FOR, I.E. REPORTED DETAINED, INDICTED, OR AWAITING INVESTIGATIVE COURT FINDING. THEBERGE

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